Puis! and 00 Seeds Production

8. 27. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:..

(a) what is the estimated production of pulses and oilseeds in the. country during the year 1986-87-

(b) what steps Government 'have taken to encourage and promote {ncrease;

-in production of these cereals. and (c) whether 6overnment propose to Introduce Crop insurance Scheme in respect of p»lses and oilseeds, in alt the;

StatesTHE MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF. ' AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION?IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI Yd-GENDRA MAKWANA); (a) Final esti-. mate$_s$ of production of-, pulses and oil-, seed$_s$ «rops! for the crop year 1986-87 from all the States have not yet fallen! due. Etowever, Based: upon preliminary, reports received from States, it is cur- -rently Assessed that all-India production of pulsus during the crop year 1986-87, might be around 13. 0 million tonnes $_a$nd that of total nine oilseeds in the range Of 12. 2 t$_0$ 12. 5 million tonnes.

(b) in order to encourage and increase the production of pulses [oilseeds, following measures, are being taken by the Government;

(i) Introduction of pulsejoilseeds crops' in irrigated farming: systelms;

(ii) Bringing additional area under short duration varieties of Urad, moone etc., under cultivation;

(iii) Inter-cropping of Arhar in 3a-jra, C'ottonrSugarcane etc., both under $_c$ irrigated and unirrigated conditions;

(tv) Multiplication and nse of im-prove I seeds.

(v) Use. of fertilisers and rhizobium culture;

(v) Adoption of plant protection. measures;

(vil) Expansion of non-traditional oilseeds crops like "Soyabean and Sun-flower in potential areas;

(viii) Launching $_0$f National Oilseeds Development Project and Oilseeds Technology -Mission in 180 potential '

districts for, better production of oil seeds; and .

(ix) Adoption of appropriate poli- cie$ including pricing and marketing,

(c) Pulses; and oilseeds are already , covered unde- Crop Insurance Scheme
in various States. '

Drought Relief to Gujarat

828. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAHU

Will, the Minisfer of AGRICULTURF; be pleased to-state;

(a) whether it is a fact '. that tie Government of Gujarat had recently sub--mitted'a master plan of Rs, 96 crores to deal with unprecedented- drought situation;

(b) what js the response of the Central Government to this master plan and the financial and other assistance, sanctioned this year-for Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajas-** than, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to fight the drought;

(e) the Central financial assistance sanctioned last year -for drilling four in-ches bores in Gujarat, how many four in-ches bores were drilled and out of them how many are usable now; and

(d) whether drilling of six inches bores is likely \o be useful in getting required quantity of water, jf so, what is the cost of each'such bore and the time it likely to take- to flriJl them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINIS-TRY OF AGRICULTURE (SIHRl YO-GENDRA MAKWANA): (a) 2nd (b) The Government of Gujarat submitted a memorandum seeking Central assistance for tackling the drought situation in *the*

State involving an outlay o|f Rs. 429. 87, crores. This included a sum of Rs. 94. 23 crores for implementing, a Master Plan| for drinking water. Based on the report of "they Central Team and" recommenda tions of the High Level Committee on Relief thereon a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 66. 51 crores has been approved for drought relief; n the Gujarat for the years 1-986-87 and 1987-88. This includes a sum of Rs. 10. 99 crores for 1986-87 and~RS. 9. 27 crores for 1987-88 for drinking water sector. The total ceilings of expenditure approved so Jar for tackling drought for the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Ra-jasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu during the post 1986 monsoon period are a's follows: —

(Rs , in frores)

. State	Ceiling approved for V	
	1986-87 (Post-monsoon)	1987-88
J. Gujarat	34> 96	31-55
2. Maharashtra	23-98	12-29
3, Rajasthan	42*75.	12-07
4. Andhra Pradesh	23-19-	25-19 '
5. Karnataka	3- 82	0-99
6. Tamil Nadu	31-77	

(c) As per the Master plan for 1986-87 prepared by the Government of Gujarat rhe number of 100 mm(4- inches) bores to be drilled by April 1987 is 67, 36. Figures of'the. successful bores drilled so farare not available.

(d) Drilling of bore size i. e. 6 inches|4 incbes depends upon geological and geo-hydrologfcai - conditions at sites and re-quirements of water there. The cost pf each such bore and the time required for its drilling also varies upon geo-hydrologi-cal condftfans and depth of drilling.

Amendment to the Urban Land (Celling and Regulation) Act, 1976

829. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP MENT be pleased to refer the reply be Unstarred- Question 126& given m Rajya Sabha "on. the 6th, March, 1987 and to state;

(a) whether Government have siace taken any decision regarding the amendment of the Urban Land. (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976; and

(b) if so, what are the details: thereof

THE* MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (3HRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in the prices of wheat to be supplied through Fair Price Shops

830. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MA LIK: Will the Minister o'f FOOD AND €IVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently increased the price of wheat to be supplied through Fair Price Shops with effect from 1st May, 1987

(b). if so, the extent to. which, ' price have been increased;

(c) what are"the reasons for such an -increase; and

(d) the extent. for which it is likely to affect the poor people of the, country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE iN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): "(a) to (c) Consequant upon in crease'in the procurement price of wheat- by Rs. 4 per quintal from 1st April, 1987, the central issue price of wheat -supplied to the StatejGovernmentsJUnion Territory Administrations for sale through the pub-r lie distribution system has been revised from Rs. 190 tto Rs. 195 per quintal, with effect from 1st May, 1987. The retail price of wheat for the consumer.; s fixed by the State Governments after adding